

ADVISERY FOR INFECTION CONTROL PRECAUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED IN DENTAL CARE SETTINGS





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It is ideal to have a screening at the entry point to clinic itself to find patient who have returned from COVID 19 affected countries in last 14 days and those who have had contact with patient who have returned from COVID 19 affected countries in last 14 days.



It will be prudent to maintain a register of such patients, with their contact details to facilitate contact tracing needed.

If such patients are identified at entry point, facilitate them to call DISHA call center.



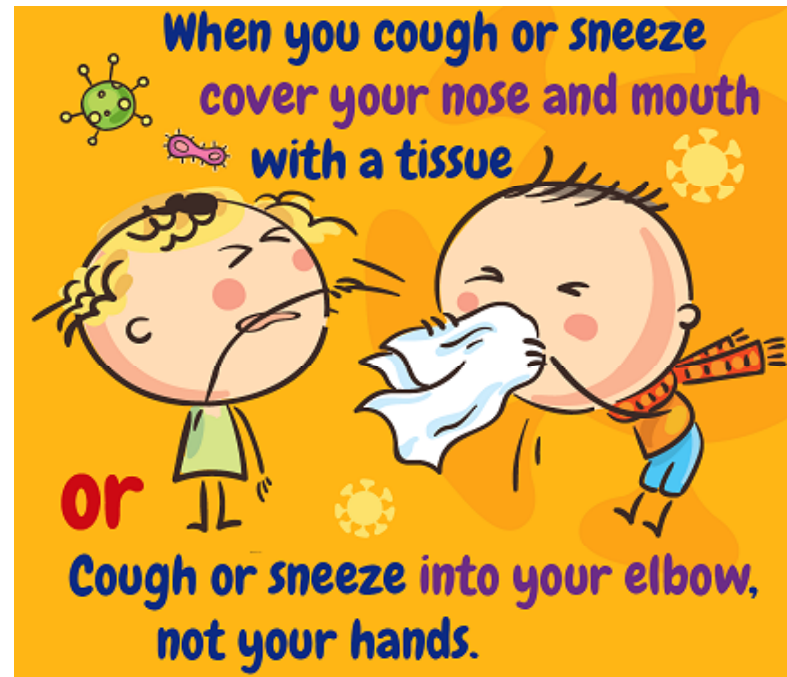


Screening for patients
with respiratory
symptoms at the entry
point itself . They are
encouraged to wear a
mask.



Encourage them to practice respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene.

Visual icons/ signage regarding cough and sneeze hygiene, hand hygiene and environmental hygiene may kept in OPD.





Rescheduling of appointments to be considered in elective cases in patients who have returned from COVID 19 affected countries in last 14 days and in those who have had contact with patients who have returned from COVID 19 affected countries in last 14 days.





Rescheduling should also be considered in elective cases in those with respiratory symptoms.

Telephonic risk assessment prior to appointment scheduling is desirable.



Reception area staff
should use triple layer
mask, gloves and
should practice hand
hygiene with soap and
water or alcohol based
rub.





All dental surgeon should use personal protective equipment which includes a clean non sterile long sleeved gown, goggles and triple layer mask.

While performing aerosol generating emergency procedures, N95 mask is mandatory.



Elective aerosol procedures like those involving use of ultrasonic scalers, arotors and micromotors should be postponed.



Splatter causing treatment procedures like (scaling tooth preparations etc) are to be considered only in emergency / essential situations.






All elective procedures are to be rescheduled and emergency only procedures should be performed as for as possible.















Adherence to WHO
five moments of
hand hygiene is
very important .

How to Handwash?

WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED! OTHERWISE, USE HANDRUB

 Duration of the entire procedure: 40-60 seconds

 <p>0 Wet hands with water;</p>	 <p>1 Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces;</p>	 <p>2 Rub hands palm to palm;</p>
 <p>3 Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;</p>	 <p>4 Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;</p>	 <p>5 Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;</p>
 <p>6 Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;</p>	 <p>7 Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;</p>	 <p>8 Rinse hands with water;</p>
 <p>9 Dry hands thoroughly with a single use towel;</p>	 <p>10 Use towel to turn off faucet;</p>	 <p>11 Your hands are now safe.</p>

 <p>World Health Organization</p>	<p>Patient Safety A World Alliance for Safer Health Care</p>	<p>SAVE LIVES Clean Your Hands</p>
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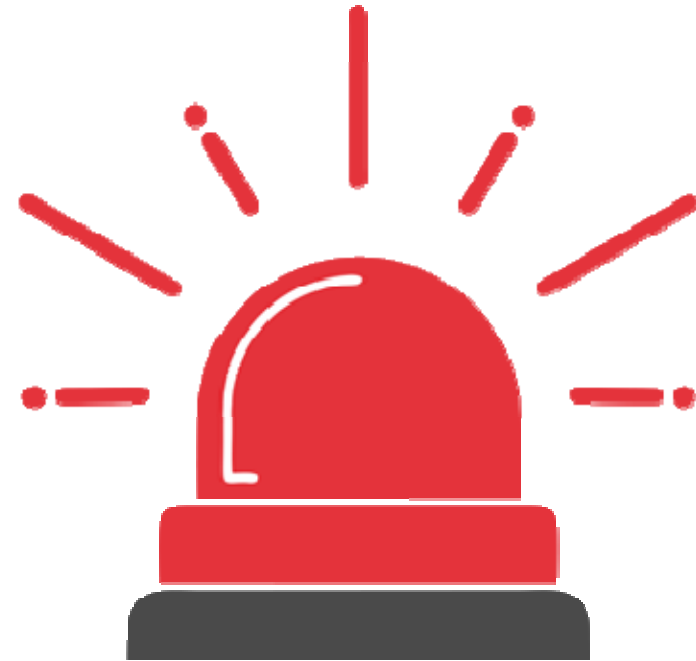




In emergency case consider,
pre procedure mouth rinsing
with 1% hydrogen peroxide or
.2% Povidone Iodine



Limit dental practice to
emergency / essential
procedures till further
instructions





All procedures are to be planned based on prior appointment basis to avoid over crowding in the waiting area of the clinic.





Ensure that doctors and other staff
in the clinic maintain personal
hygiene and environmental
hygiene at home.



Consider a change of work clothes
and a bath immediately on
reaching home from clinic.

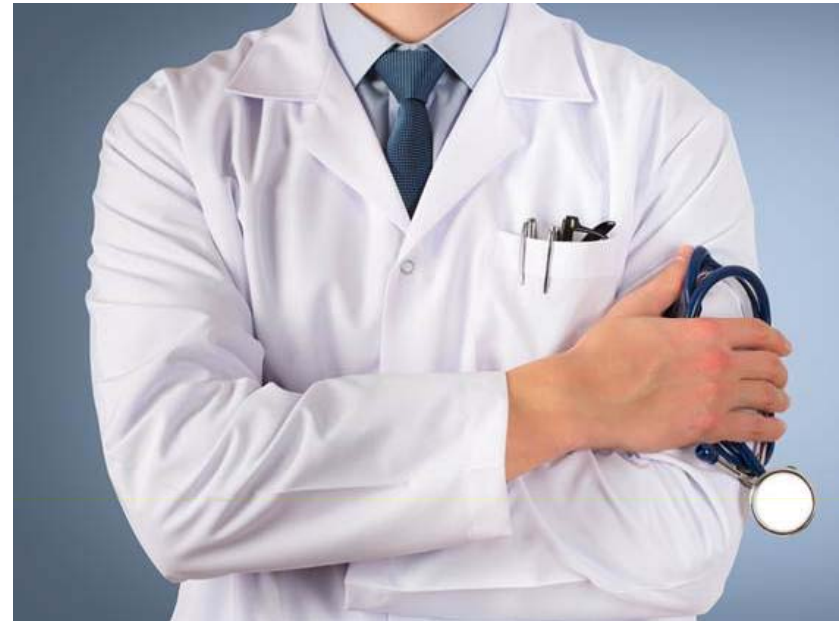




Social distancing with regard to high risk groups at home like elderly, pregnant etc is desirable.



All staff who come under high risk category (eg. Pregnancy, elderly above 65, co-morbidities etc) should desist from performing aerosol generating procedures possible.





At all points of patient contact, high risk category staff should adhere to standard and transmission based precautions.





THANK YOU

